

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11, 12 and 15-44 are pending. Claims 1, 12, 16, 17, 19, and 23 have been amended. Claims 11, 15, 18, 22, 37 and 42-44 have been canceled, without prejudice. Support for these amendments can be found in the original claims as filed. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Objections

The Office has objected to claim 1 for reciting the phrases "L1 and L2 are linkers," "W and X is a spacer" and non-interfering substituents." Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate definitions of these phrases as they are recited in various dependent claims. Applicants submit that these phrases, while clear on their face in the original claims, now more clearly recite the subject matter regarded as the invention by Applicants. Accordingly, the present object to these phrases should be withdrawn.

Claim 42

The Office has rejected claim 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter that is not adequately supported by the present specification. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office on this point. Nevertheless, solely to advance the prosecution of the present case, Applicants have cancelled claim 42 and those claims that depend therefrom. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuation application. In view of this amendment, the present rejection of claim 42 is obviated.

The Pending Claims Are Definite

Claims 1-9, 11-12, and 15-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter that is indefinite. More specifically, the Office rejected independent claims 1 and 42. These rejections are discussed in detail below.